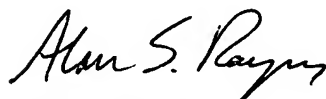


**REMARKS**

This Amendment after allowance is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.312. Applicant has amended claims 6-7 to correct several informalities in the text of the claims. No new matter was added to the claims. Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-22, 24 and 26-30 are currently pending. Claims 10, 20, 23, 25 and 31 have been previously canceled without prejudice. Examination and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims continue to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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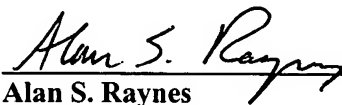
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